

**EFFECTIVE**

October 1, 2019.

**Subject(s)****Annual Federal cost of living changes for the Food Assistance Program (FAP)****RFT 250, 255, 260**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living updates for the FAP standards. The update will appear in Bridges budgets with the effective date of October 1, 2019.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined the monthly FAP issuances are increased for all group sizes. The maximum shelter deductions increased from \$552 to \$569. Additionally, FNS has determined the heat and utility standard used in calculating FAP benefits has decreased from \$543 to \$518. The telephone standard has decreased and the remaining standards increased. The FAP standard deduction for all group sizes has increased.

**Note:** The FAP monthly minimum issuance amount for group sizes 1 and 2 has increased from \$15 to \$16.

**MANUAL  
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**Changed Items ...**

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